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New Hampshire Attorney General Michael Delaney announced today that the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office has received complaints that voters have received telephone calls encouraging them to vote early using an Internet website.

Information suggesting you can vote early online is fraudulent! New Hampshire does not allow voting through a website. Anyone receiving a telephone call encouraging use of a website to vote early is requested to listen to the entire call, document what is said during the call, in particular the address of the website being described, and if it is available on your phone, the caller ID of the caller.

Anyone who has received a call encouraging them to vote online, is requested to immediately call the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office at (603) 271-3650. Toll free calls can be made to the office's election line phone number at 1-866-868-3703 (1-866-VOTER03). E-mail complaints may be sent to electionlaw@doj.nh.gov.

In New Hampshire, individuals can register at their polling place and vote on Election Day. Individuals, who qualify, may vote by absentee ballot through Monday November 1, 2010. However, voting is <u>not</u> available through Internet websites under any circumstance. If you go to a website, any action you take will <u>not</u> result in votes that will be counted at Tuesday's election. Providing your personal information may expose you to identity theft.

It is a felony to engage in voter suppression:

Under RSA, 659:40:

- III. No person shall engage in voter suppression by knowingly attempting to prevent or deter another person from voting or registering to vote based on fraudulent, deceptive, misleading, or spurious grounds or information. Prohibited acts of voter suppression include:
 - (c) Attempting to induce another person to refrain . . . from voting at the proper place or time by providing information that

he or she knows to be false or misleading about the date, time, place, or manner of the election.

Information on voting, registering to vote, polling places, and the hours when the polls will be open in your town or ward are available at the Secretary of State's website.

For a list of all polling places in the State:

http://www.sos.nh.gov/clerks2010.pdf

If you are registered as a voter and can input your name and DOB, for information specific to your polling place:

http://cfs.sos.nh.gov/app/Public/PollingPlaceSearch.aspx

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